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Miss Jane Smith, Director
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Dear Miss Smith,

I wrote you earlier this morning, in haste and with some dismay, about the incompleteness of the records supplied belatedly with your letter of the 8th.

In that letter I reported I had been compelled to make a special trip to Dallas because I have not been supplied with records I know exist as well as others that by any rational and reasonable standard should exist, particularly in an investigation of a crime of the nature and magnitude of the assassination of a President.

Whether or not partisanship by any official or any government agency can be acceptable in such a matter, the Archives is at least in theory impartial. It is supposedly the repository of our national treasure in records, an institution of scholarship. Not once again it has been partisan.

You withheld pages 36-39 of CD 1395 while providing the pages immediately preceding. There is no question about their relevance. They are among the records copies of which I obtained in Dallas.

In what you supplied of CD 1245, which was shuffled out of sequence (which can of course be an accident) you omitted page 35. Is it not relevant?

The Archives is well aware that I have been charged by the appeals court in its No. 75-2021 to establish the existence or non-existence of the records sought. That court held this serves not only my interest but that of the nation. What it did not know is that I plan no further writing on this aspect of the subject after having been denied this information for that has been published in by far the largest work on the JFK assassination. I want these records to be able to meet the obligation that is entirely consistent with all my unpaid work on this subject. I will be giving them all away. I have already begun to deposit what will be a very large archive. It will include 100% of my records of all kinds.

I believe there is no basis for the Archives having any question about what I seek of it. If I do not recall the precise details it was subpoenaed in this litigation with all relevant records called for. Mr. Johnson and an associate sat through all the depositions. I therefore am dismayed at this continued stonewalling.

I have reread your letter. It does not specify a search of all possible files. You know very well that I want and have asked for and need every record relating to this "missed" shot that caused the minor wounding of Mr. Tague. Given the considerable problems this made for the Commission and the attention to it in the Report it should be fairly obvious that many more records must exist, including staff papers.

The records you supplied after I had obtained them from other sources report that the Dallas news photographers gave their film to the FBI. They do not report the return of this film. Tom Bullard does not have the negative of that picture, for example. Mr. Underwoods film, movie, was given to the FBI in 7/64. Under the Executive Order of 10/31/66 these are required to be in your possession and available. You have never informed me that you have them. After Mr. Shaneyfelt's testimony about taking photographs other than you supplied I did inquire about this. If you have this film I do want clear photographs made, 8x10 glossys, duplicating those in the Shaneyfelt exhibits.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg